

## **Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals**

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** Conducted by remote participation

**Additional Details:** 

## Agenda Items

## Administrative Items

## 1. Remote Participation Details

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20relating to the COVID-19 emergency, the Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals meetings shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation until further notice. The meeting shall instead be held virtually using Zoom.

Please read Governor Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provision of Open Meeting Law for more information regarding virtual public hearings and meetings:https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12- 2020/download

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Jun 28, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpce6tqjMqG9OPxnvNs5Vf25exaLr2H-Sa After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Meeting ID: 864 6754 8017

Find your local number: https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/u/adNWeNXzLr

Dial by Location: 1-646-876-9923 US (New York)

## Hearings

2. Docket # 3700 : 38-40 Newport Street (continuance)

## Meeting Adjourn



## **Town of Arlington, Massachusetts**

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## ATTACHMENTS:

	Туре	File Name	Description
D	Reference Material	ZBA_Package38-40_Newport_Street.pdf	ZBA Package, 38-40 Newport Street
D	Reference Material	3700_38-40_Newport_Street.pdf	3700_38-40 Newport Street
ם	Reference Material	RESD_NEWPORT_ST@38- 40_(ARLINGTONMA)_REV_SET_JUNE20- 22.pdf	RESD NEWPORT ST@38-40 (ARLINGTON, MA)_REV SET_JUNE20-22



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A hearing in regards to the petition will be conducted remotely via "Zoom" Tuesday evening June 14, 2022 at 7:30 P.M or as soon thereafter as the petitioner may be heard. To join the meeting, please register using the following URL: <a href="https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloc-upqDlrH9BzpU\_mQMF2y5Ys20gtlBP9">https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloc-upqDlrH9BzpU\_mQMF2y5Ys20gtlBP9</a> for documentation relating to this petition, visit the ZBA website at <a href="https://www.arlingtonma.gov/zba">www.arlingtonma.gov/zba</a>.

## DOCKET NO 3700

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## REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ARLINGTON, MA 02174

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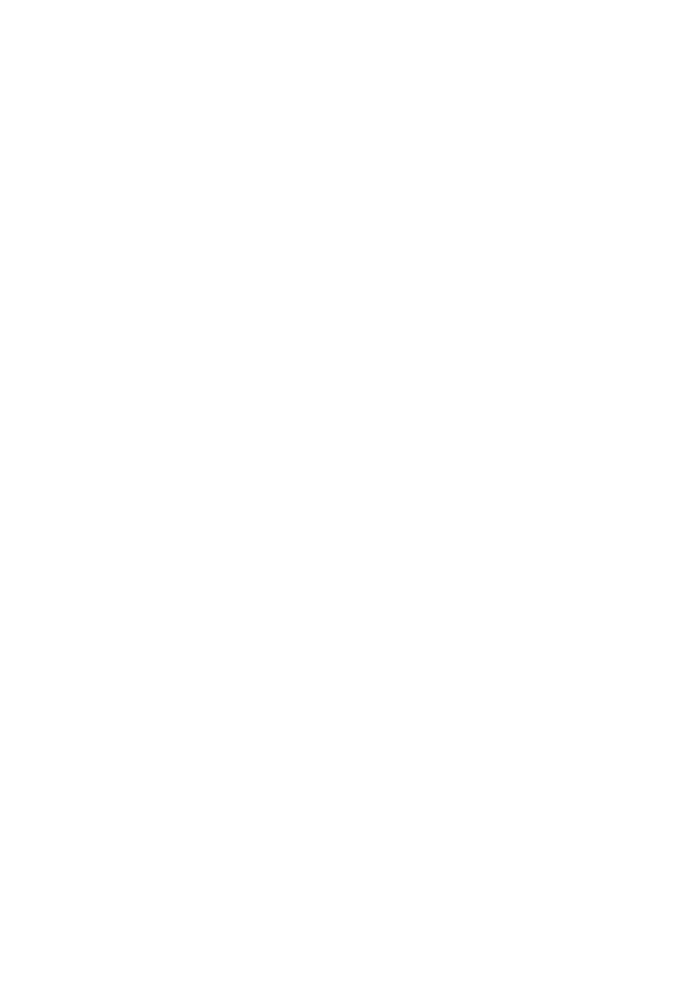
## TOWN OF ARLINGTON

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Application for a Special Permit is herewith made, in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts, seeking relief from the following specific provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, and as described fully in the attached form, Special Permit Criteria:  Seeking relief from the definition of usable open space specifically that no horizontal dimension shall be less than 25 ft.  The Applicant states he/she/they is/are the owner/occupant of the land in Arlington located at 38-40 Newport Street with respect to such relief is sought; that no unfavorable action has been taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon a similar petition regarding this property within the two (2) years next immediately prior to the filing hereof. The applicant expressly agrees to full compliance with any and all conditions and qualifications imposed upon this permission, whether by the Zoning Bylaw or by the Zoning Board of Appeals, should the same be granted. The Applicant represents that the grounds for the relief sought are as follows:  Due to the size and shape of the lot, a hardship exists with conforming to the definition of usable open space specifically that no horizontal dimension shall be less that 25 ft.	In the matter of the Application of Brandon Woolkalis & Kara E. Bolesky
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**Special Permit Criteria:** Per Section 3.3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, a Special Permit shall only be granted upon the Board's determination that the benefits of the proposed project will outweigh its adverse effects. The responses provided below will inform the Board as to whether the standards for approval have been met.

A). Indicate where the requested use is listed in the Table of Use Regulations as allowed by Special Permit in the district for which the application is made or is so designated elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaw.

The residential use is allowed in the R-2 District. We are seeking relief from the minimum horizontal dimension of 25 ft. as part of the definition of usable open space.

B). Explain why the requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.

We do meet all of the requirements of the definition of usable open space including the 30% except the existing and proposed do not meet the 25 ft horizontal dimension.

C). Explain why the requested use will not create undue traffic congestion; or unduly impair pedestrian safety.

The added floor area within the existing structure will not create any additional units, or traffic congestions and will not impair pedestrian safety

D). Explain why the requested use will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system, or any other municipal system to such an extent that the requested use or any developed use in the immediate area or any other area of the Town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting health, safety or the general welfare.

The existing and future use is a two family dwelling which is allowed in an R-2 district. The proposed construction will not create any overload to the municipal system or safety/health hazards.

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E). Describe how any special regulations for the use, as may be provided in the	e Zoning Bylaw, including
but not limited to the provisions of Section 8 are fulfilled.	
This project will not reduce the existing non-conformity of usable open space	•
F). Explain why the requested use will not impair the integrity or character of	of the district or adjoining
districts, nor be detrimental to the health or welfare.	
The property is surrounded by similar two family dwellings as allowed in this	district.
G). Explain why the requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood,	cause an excess of the use
that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.	
The neighborhood consists of similar two family dwellings, similar lot sizes a	and similar usable open
space challenges. The proposed project will not create an excess of the use.	

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## TOWN OF ARLINGTON Dimensional and Parking Information For Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Prope	erty Location: 38-40 Newport Street	Zoning District: R-2			
2. Prese	nt Use/Occupancy: Residential	_ No. of dwell	ing units 2	<del></del>	
3. Existi	ing Gross Floor Area (refer to Section 5.3.2 documentation [worksheet and drawings] s	22 of the Zoning showing dimens	Bylaw and provions of GFA by t	ide suppo floor):	orting
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		Present Conditions	Proposed Conditions	Min. or Require Zoning	
6. L	ot size (Sq. Ft.)	5678	5678	min.	6000
	rontage (Ft.)	93.77	93.77	min.	60
	loor area ratio	n/a	n/a	max.	n/a
	ot Coverage (%)	29.1	29.6	max	35
	ot Area per Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.)	n/a	n/a	min.	n/a
	ront Yard Depth (Ft.)	16.34	16.34	min.	20
	eft Side Yard Depth (Ft.)	10.4	10.4	min.	10
	light Side Yard Depth (Ft.)	18.9	18.9	min.	20
	Lear Yard Depth (Ft.)	34.6	34.6	min.	20
	leight (Stories)	2.5	2.5	max.	2.5
	Height (Ft.)	29.46	30.40	max.	35
17. L	andscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.) Refer to Section 2 in the Zoning Bylaw.	2178	2178		
17A. L	andscaped Open Space (% of GFA)	90.5	56.8	min.	
18. U	Isable Open Space (Sq. Ft.) Refer to Section 2 in the Zoning Bylaw.	1167	1167		
18A. U	Jsable Open Space (% of GFA)	48.5	30.4	min.	
19. N	Number of Parking Spaces	2	2	min.	2
20. P	Parking area setbacks (if applicable)	n/a	n/a	min.	n/a
21. N	Number of Loading Spaces (if applicable)	n/a	n/a	min.	n/a
22. T	Type of construction	wood	wood	N/A	
	Slope of proposed roof(s) (in. per ft.)	1/12 75%	14/12 208%	min.	

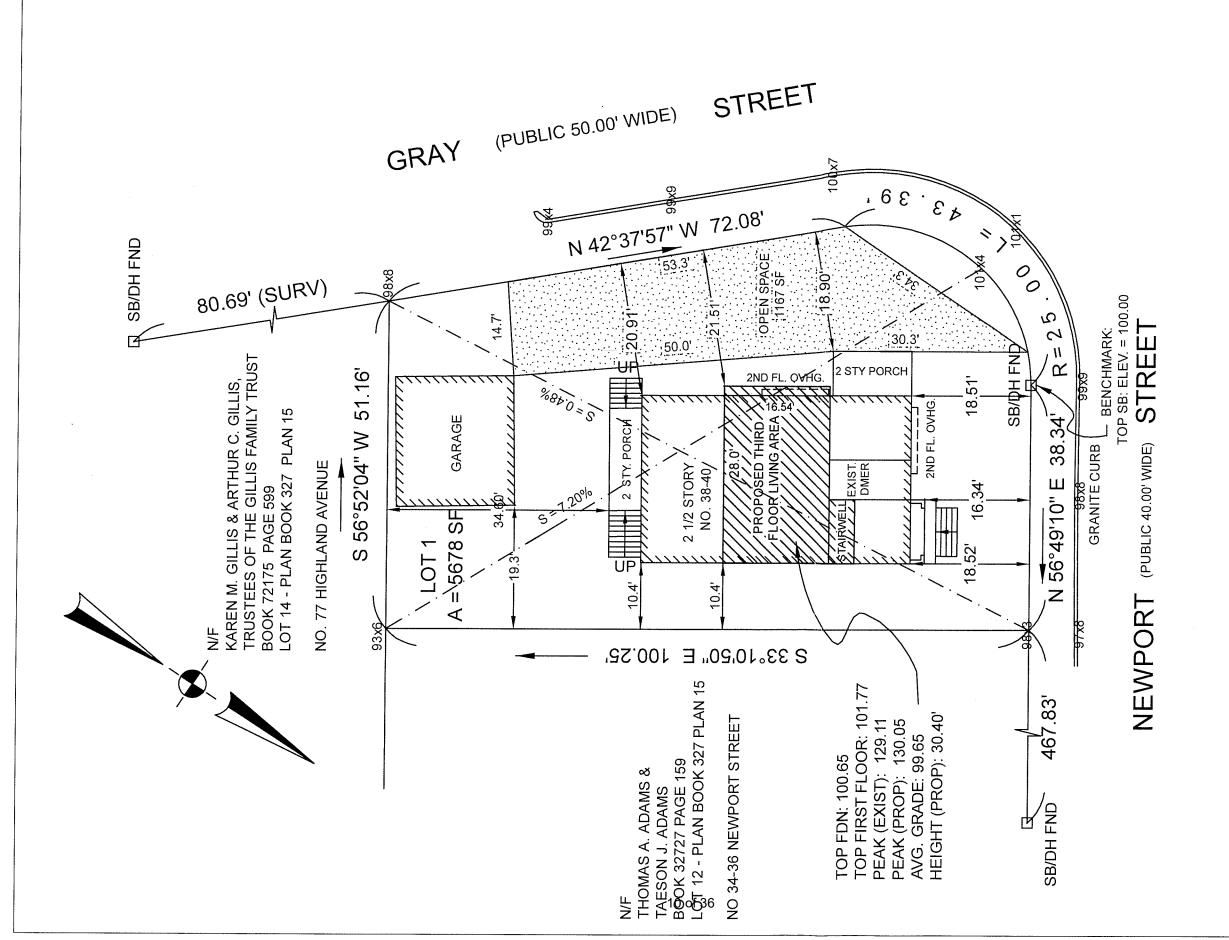
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TOWN OF ARLINGTON
Open Space / Gross Floor Area Information
For Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Refer to Section 2: Definitions, and Section 5: District Regulations in the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington before completing this form.

Address: 38-40 Newport Street	Zoning District: R-2	
OPEN SPACE*	EXISTING	PROPOSED 5678
Total lot area	5678	
Open Space, Usable	1167	1167
Open Space, Landscaped	2178	2178
* Refer to the Definitions in Section 2 of the Z	oning Bylaw.	
GROSS FLOOR AREA (GFA) †		0
Accessory Building	0	0
Basement or Cellar (meeting the definition of a excluding mechanical use areas)	Story, 0	931
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	1099	1099
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	1142	1142
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	0	0
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	0	0
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	0	0
Attic (greater than 7'-0" in height, excluding elevator machinery, or mechanical equipment)	0	497
Parking garages (except as used for accessory parking or off-street loading purposes)	0	0
All weather habitable porches and balconies	165	165
Total Gross Floor Area (GFA)	2406	3834
† Refer to Definition of Gross Floor Area in S		oning Bylaw.
REQUIRED MINIMUM OPEN SPACE AD Landscaped Open Space (Sq. Ft.)	2178	2178
Landscaped Open Space (% of GFA)	90.5	56.8
Usable Open Space (Sq. Ft.)	1167	1167
Usable Open Space (% of GFA)	48.5	30.4
This worksheet applies to plans dated 04/22/2	designed by D&A	Survey Associates, Inc.
**		MICHAEL CAMERON
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- <u>NOTES:</u> 1.) THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED FROM AN INSTRUMENT SURVEY
- 2.) RECORD OWNER: BRANDON WOOLKALIS & KARA E. BOLESKY
- **PAGE 466** 3.) DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 79547
- 3.) PLAN REFERENCE: PLAN BOOK 327 PLAN 15
- 5.) OPEN SPACE REQUIRED: 30% OF 3834 SF = 1150 SF OPEN SPACE PROVIDED: 1167 SF
- 6.) PROPOSED HEIGHT: 30.40'
- 7.) THE LOT SLOPES 3.84%
- 8.) AVERAGE GRADE = TOP OF CURB = 99.59

# **PLOT PLAN**

STREET ARLINGTON, MA 38-40 NEWPORT

2022 22, APRIL

D & A SURVEY ASSOCIATES, INC. P.O. BOX 621 MEDFORD, MA 0215

MEDFORD, MA 02155 (781) 324 - 9566

## NEW ADDITION TO EXISTING TWO FAMILY 38-40 NEWPORT STREET, ARLINGTON, MA

## MR. BRANDON WOOLKALIS 38-40 NEWPORT STREET ARLINGTON, MA ARCHITECTURAL DATA SHEET GIVEN

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REVISIONS

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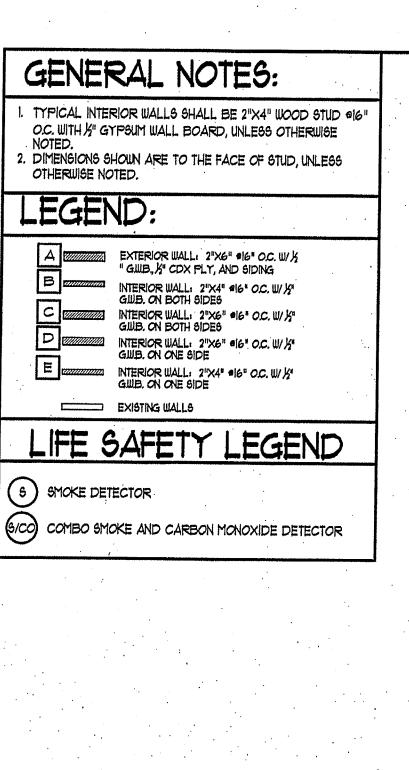
A-2 FRONT ELEVATION

A-2.1 RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION

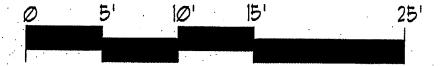
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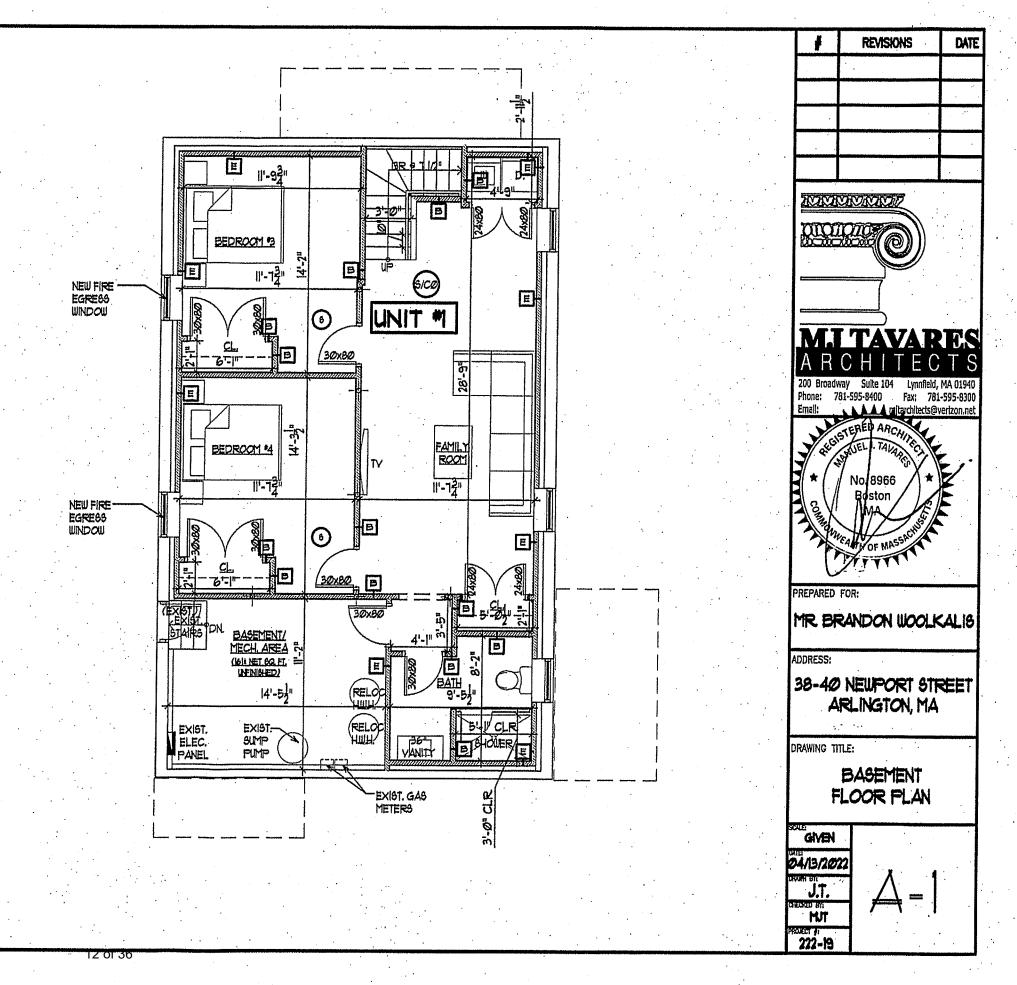
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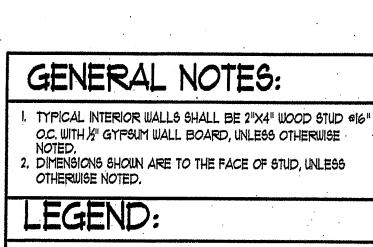
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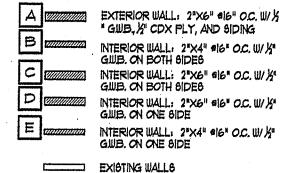


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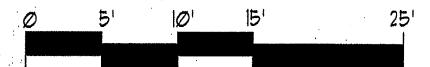


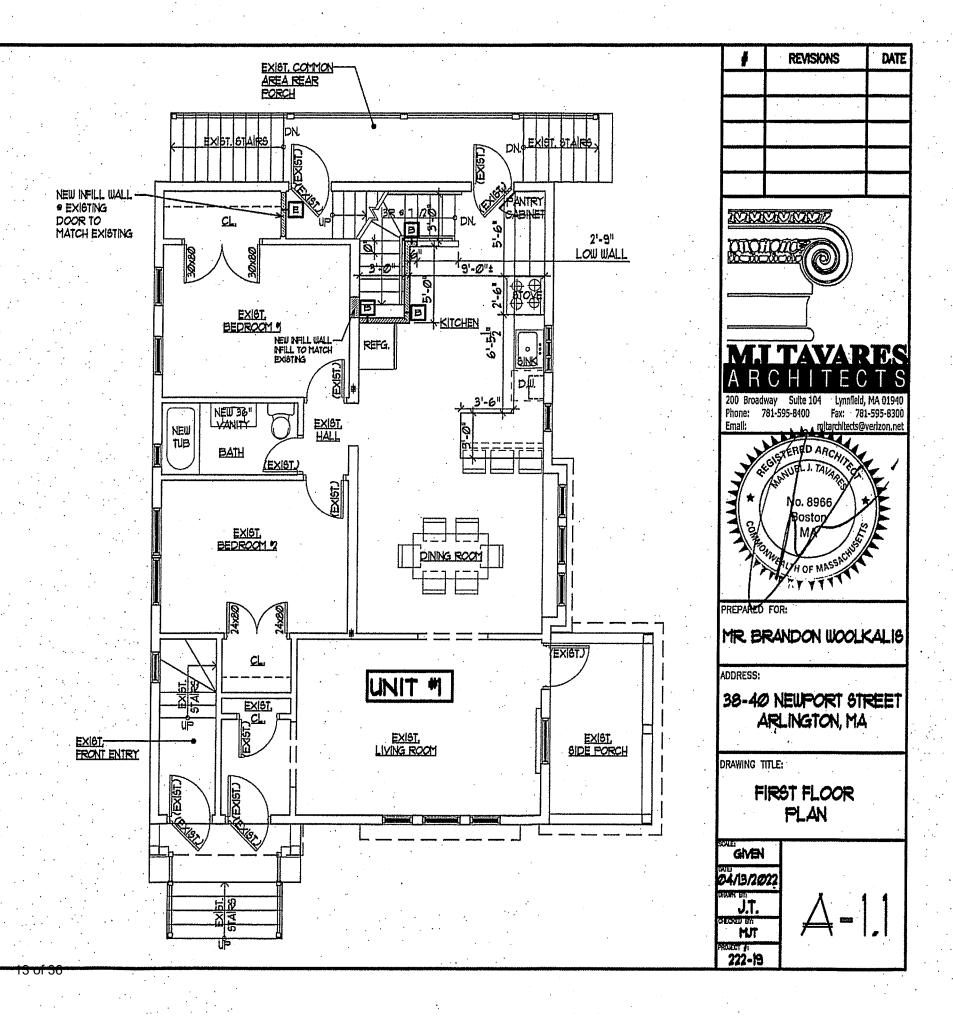
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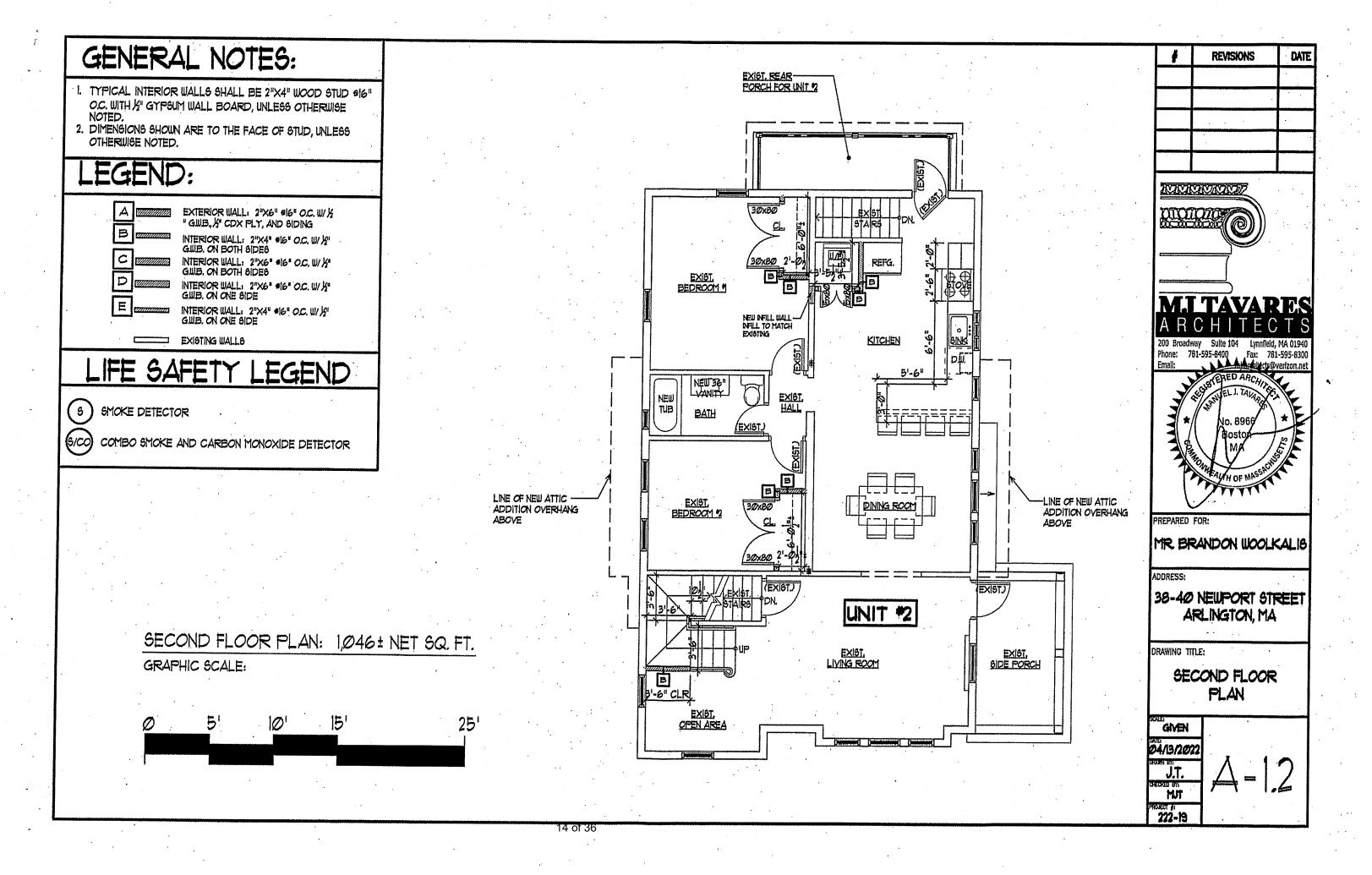
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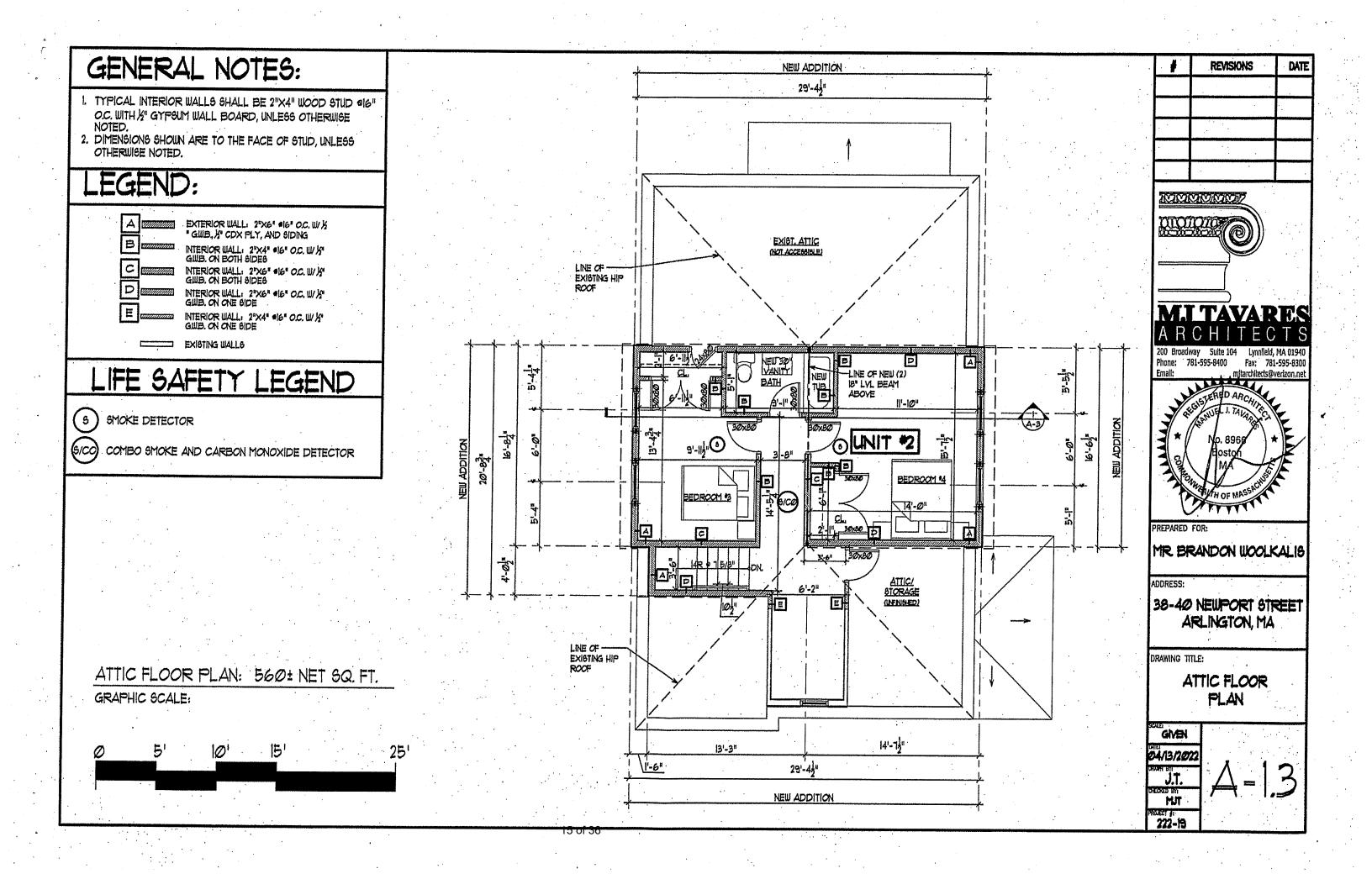
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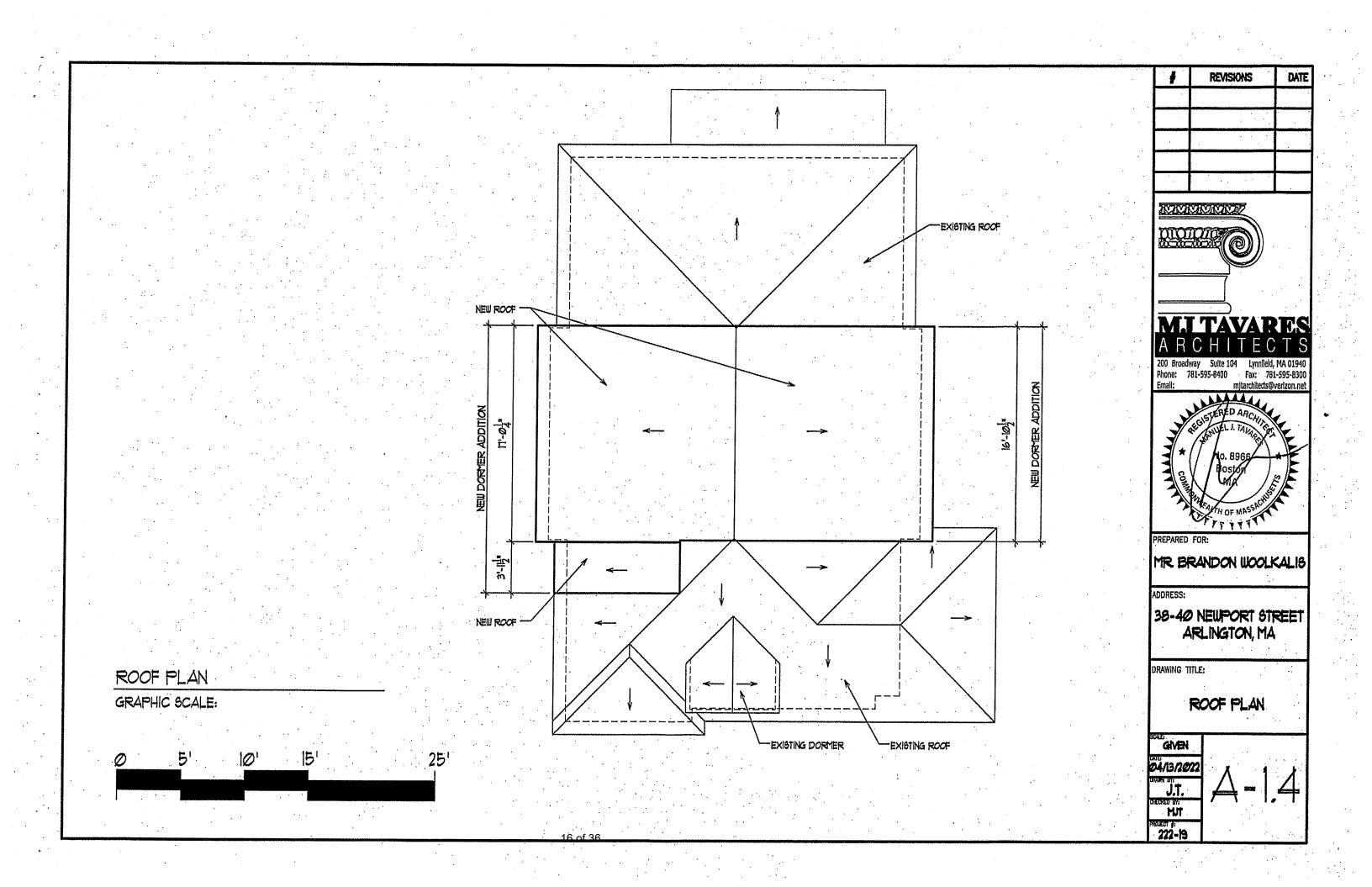
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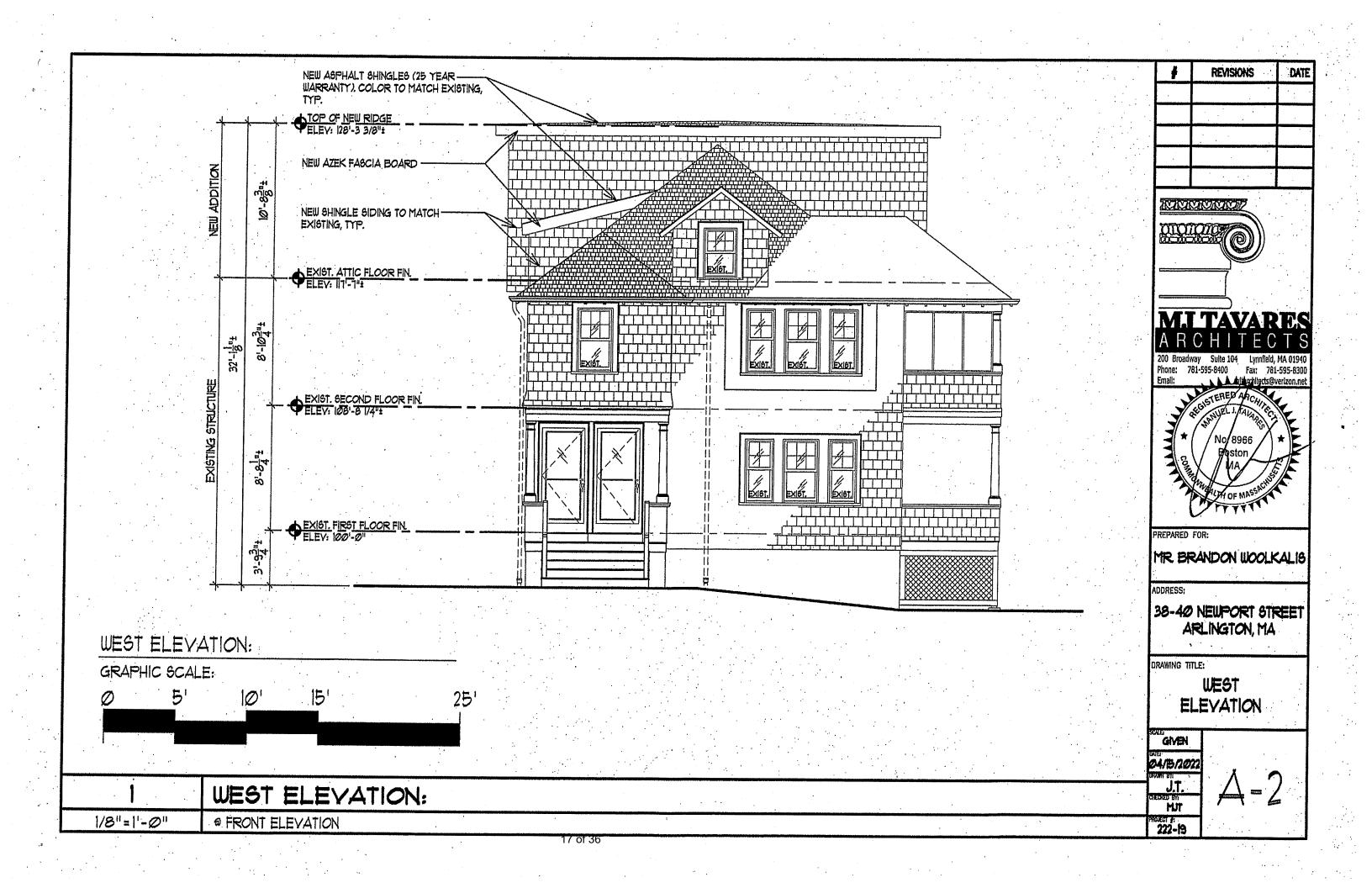


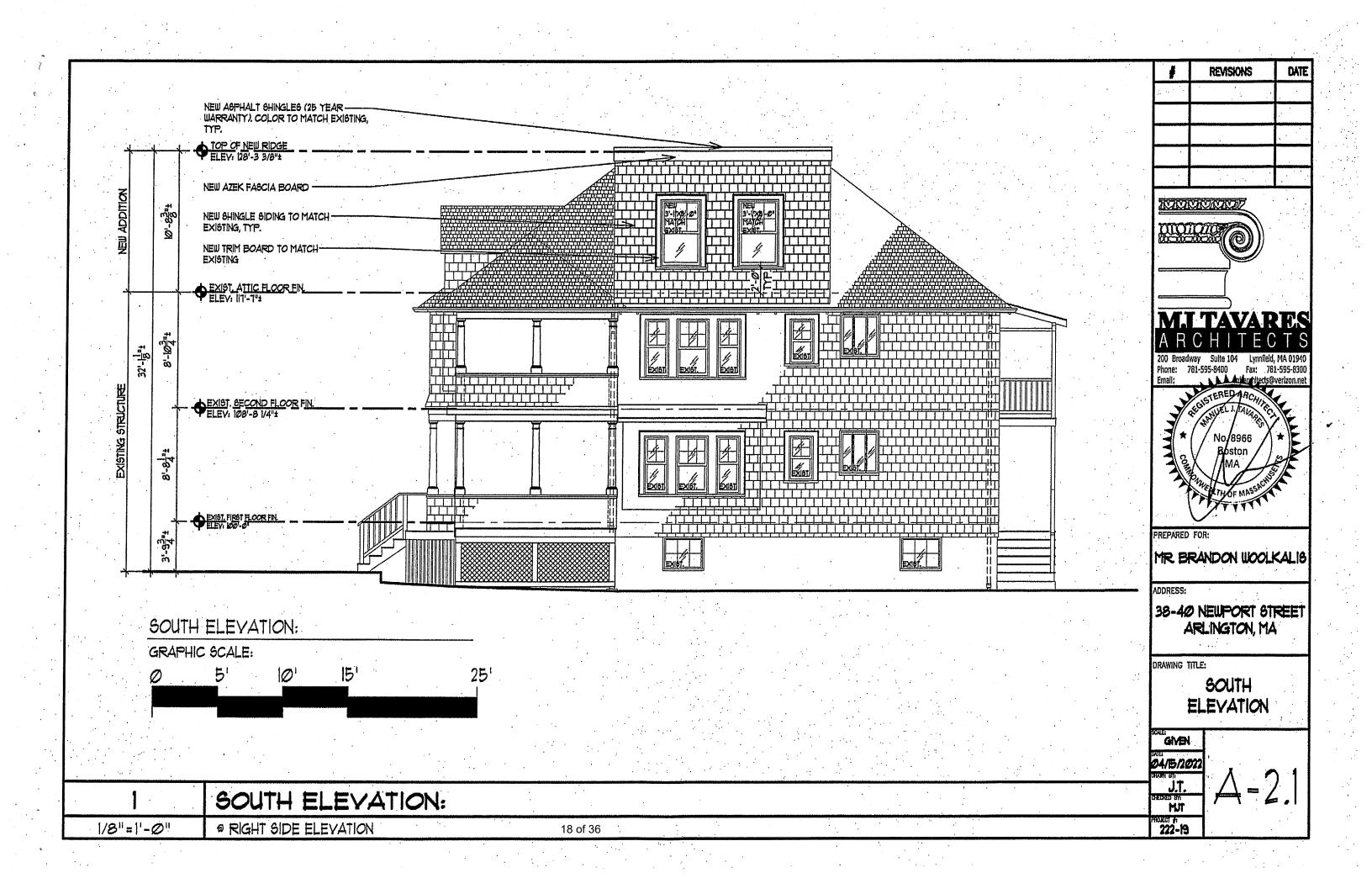


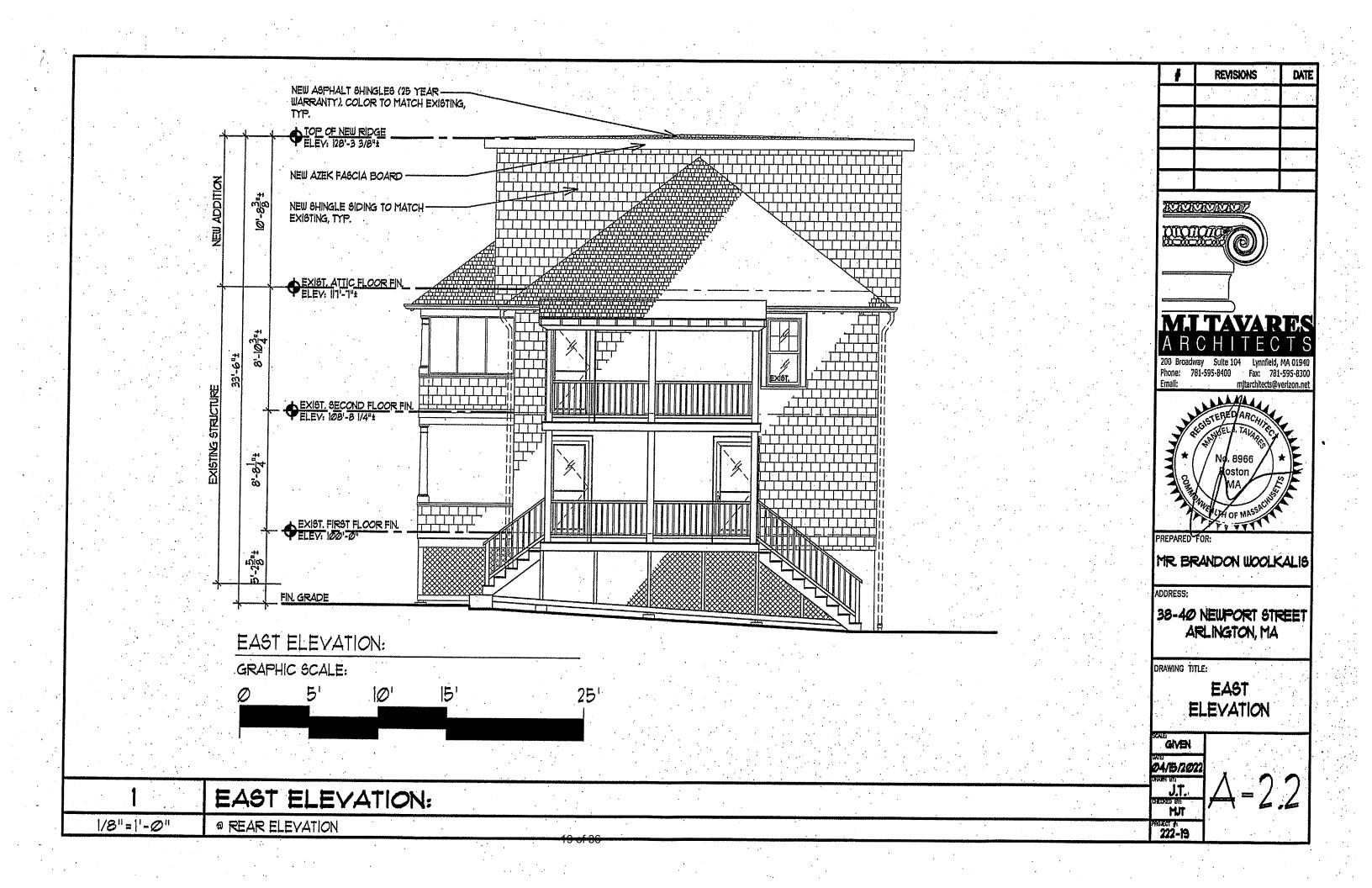


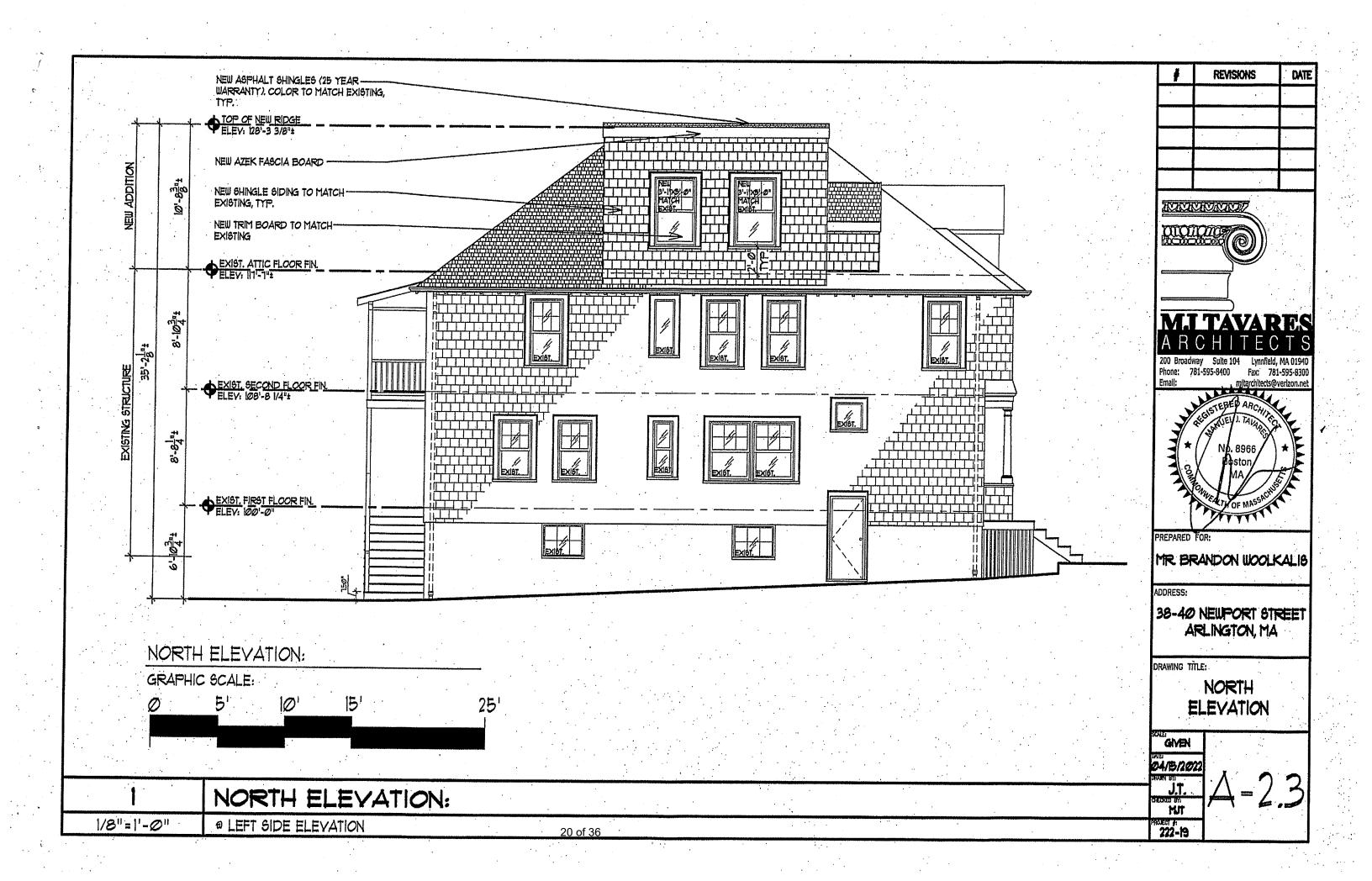


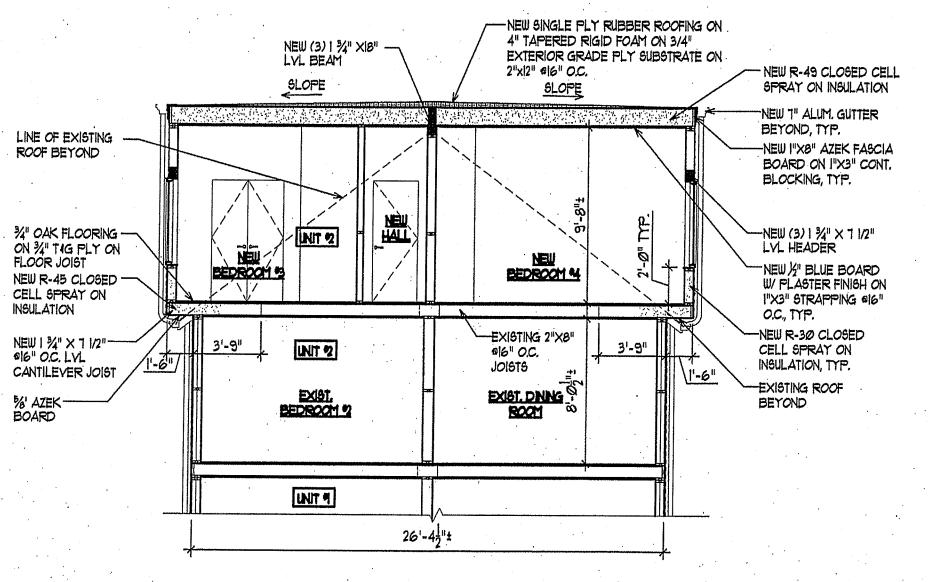












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## TOWN OF ARLINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TOWN HALL, 730 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02476 TELEPHONE 781-316-3090

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Kelly Lynema, Acting Director, Dept. of Planning and Community Development

Marisa Lau, Senior Planner

Date: 6/10/2022

RE: Docket 3700 – 38-40 Newport St; Special Permit under Zoning Bylaw 8.1.3.B -

Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings

The applicants, Brandon Woolkalis and Kara Bolesky, seek a Special Permit in accordance with Section 8.1.3.B - Nonconforming Single-Family or Two-Family Dwellings of the Zoning Bylaw. The applicants seek to construct an addition of two shed dormers for a two-family home, increasing the height to 30.40 feet (+0.94 feet) and make other interior renovations. The proposal would add a half story with 497 square feet of additional living space while the total square footage of the structure would increase from 2,406 SF to 3,834 SF (+1,428 SF).

The structure is on a corner lot in the R2 Zoning District and is nonconforming with the Zoning Bylaw's lot size; frontage; front yard; and usable open space requirements. The applicant is not increasing the footprint of the existing structure. The addition would not increase any of the nonconformities of the existing structure.

A half story is defined in Section 2 (Definitions) of the Zoning Bylaw as "a story which is under a gable, hipped, gambrel or other sloped roof with a minimum slope of 2:12, where less than one half of the floor area measured from the underside of the roof framing to the finished floor below has a clear height of 7 feet 0 inches or more." The slope of the proposed dormer is ¼:12, which is less than the minimum allowable roof slope under the half story definition, which would create a new nonconformity.

The following is an application of the Special Permit criteria (Zoning Bylaw Section 3.3.3):

## Criterion #1: Requested Use

The requested use is permitted through a Special Permit in the R2 zoning district only if the proposal complies with the definition of a half story.

## Criterion #2: Public Convenience/Welfare

This proposal would provide additional living space to the upper unit. Staff note the applicant did not describe why the additional space is needed or whether the unit is occupied.

## Criterion #3: Undue Traffic Congestion/Impairment of Public Safety

There would not be an increase in traffic congestion or an impairment of public safety.

## Criterion #4: Undue Burden on Municipal Systems

There would not be an undue burden on municipal systems.

## Criterion #5: Special regulations

This proposal would not result in the need for special regulations.

Criterion #6: Integrity/Character of District; Detrimental to Health, Morals, Welfare
The homes in the immediate vicinity of the property are two-family structures. Large
dormers in a variety of styles are a common feature in the neighborhood, especially
along Newport Street and Highland Avenue. The addition includes two large dormers
and a small dormer for the stairwell, along with other interior renovations to increase
the living area in the lower unit. The proposed change in building height and roof lines
will increase the structure's massing and scale. The applicant is encouraged to explore
other designs that would make the dormer a less dominant feature of the roof and
better match the existing roof type and pitch, as well as the style of the existing house.

The applicant may also consider the potential for minor adjustments to the location and
size of the dormer windows to better align and order them with the window pattern on
lower levels.

## <u>Criterion #7: Detrimental Excess in Particular Use</u>

There would not be any detrimental excesses.

Below are aerial and street-based photos of the current building:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Residential Design Guidelines, Principles B-1 (pg. 26) and C-1 (pg. 36). https://www.arlingtonma.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=54518

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## **Recommendation:**

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) recommends that the applicant adjust the slope of the roof to no less than 2:12 to conform with the definition of a half story.

## Related dockets:

- #3698: 39 Tufts St Applicant sought a special permit to expand their existing attic with an addition of two dormers and roof replacement on a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R1 Zoning District. Approved 5/24/2022.
- #3666: 14-16 Egerton Rd Applicant sought a special permit to construct a half-story addition by expanding their existing attic with a shed dormer and to add a second driveway on a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R2 Zoning District. Approved 10/12/2021.
- #3655: 34 Marathon St Applicant sought a special permit to construct an addition of two shed dormers on the third level of a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R2 Zoning District. Approved with conditions on 5/25/2021.
- #3652: 41-43 Fairmont St Applicant sought a special permit to create an addition via a shed dormer on a two-family structure on a nonconforming lot in the R2 Zoning District. Approved with conditions on 4/13/2021.

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# NEW ADDITION TO EXISTING TWO FAMILY 38-40 NEWPORT STREET, ARLINGTON, MA

## REVISIONS DATE VARIOUS CHANGES *06/11/20*2 MR. BRANDON WOOLKALIS 38-40 NEWPORT STREET ARLINGTON, MA DRAWING TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL DATA SHEET GIVEN 26/6/2021 MJT

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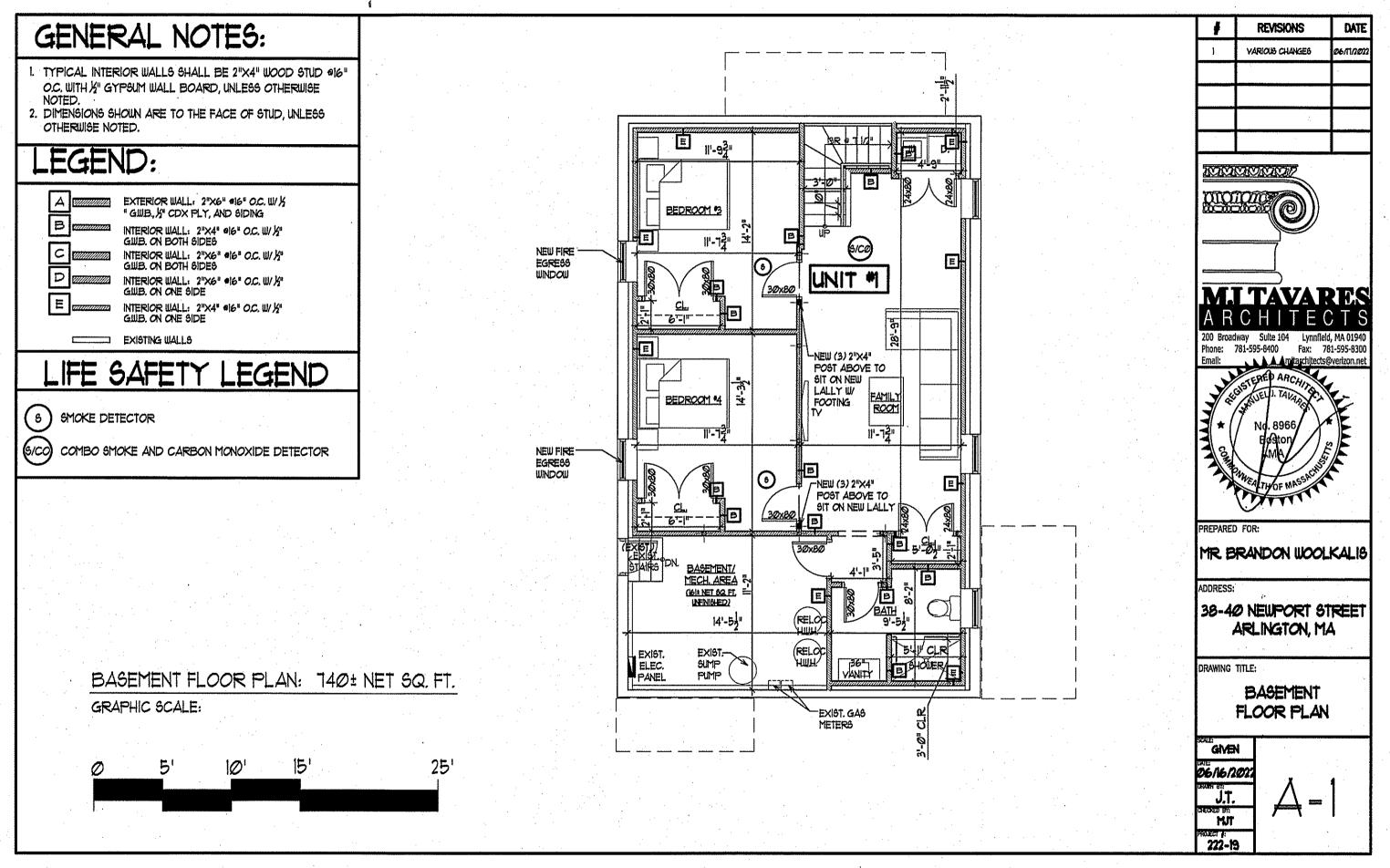
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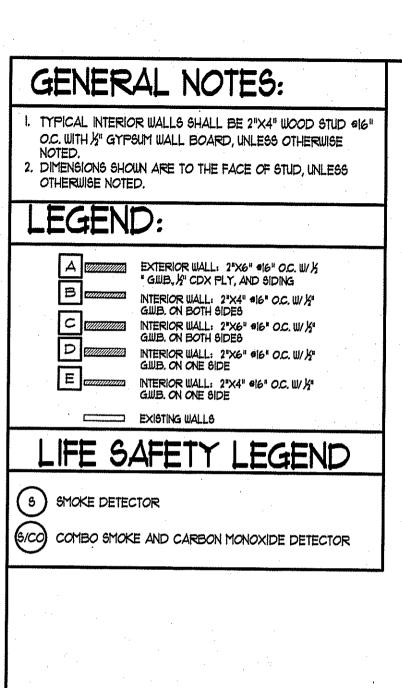
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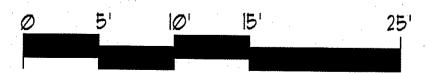
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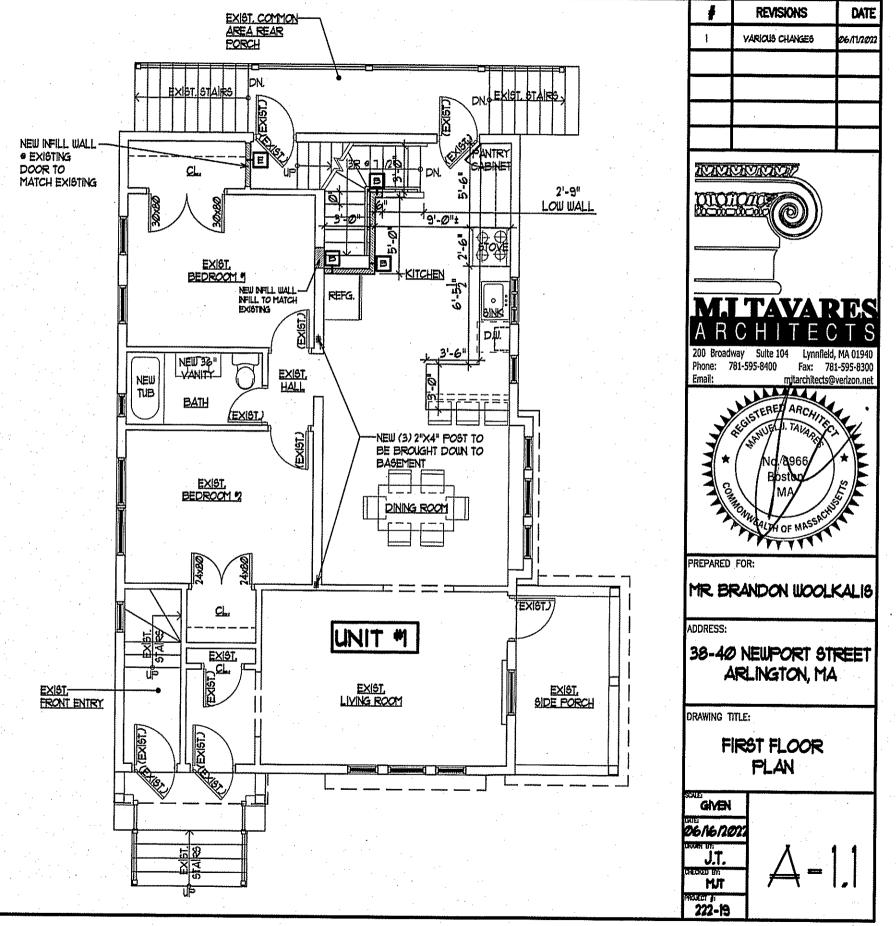
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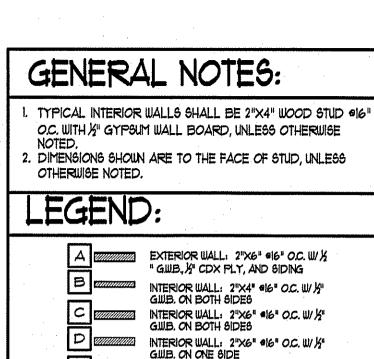




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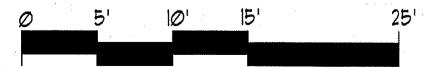
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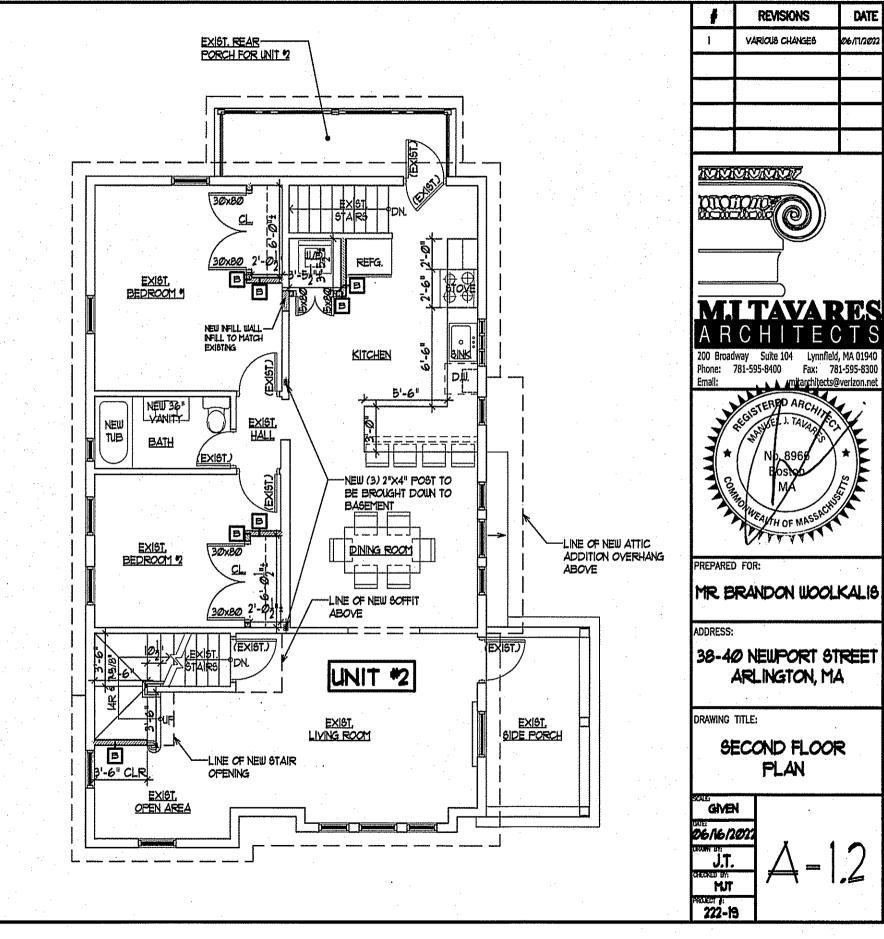
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